



Great Falls Discovery Center

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPTEMBER 2021 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit Mass.gov/COVID for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER

OPEN 5 days a week:

- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Labor Day, Monday, September 6

Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls. Come explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed in our dynamic exhibit hall. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible.

Ongoing Daily

STORY WALK® Series

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! On the grounds of the center is a FREE self-guided StoryWalk® featuring a children's picture book. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route. Wonderful stories to celebrate the natural world and families. The StoryWalk® may not be available during lawn mowing.*

August 20 through September 6—*Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope. For young readers ages 3-6 and all butterfly lovers.

September 10 through September 22—*Abuela* by Arthur Dorros. For young readers ages 3-7 and families of all ages.

September 24 through October 20—*Honk Honk: A Story on Migration* by Mick Manning and Brita Granström. For young readers ages 4-8 and all fans of geese and migration.

* The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This Story-Walk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

Fridays September 3, 10, and 17

KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR:

9/3: Hummingbirds; 9/10: Rabbits; 9/17: Coyotes 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall courtyard

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Come learn about our wildlife neighbors who share our home in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Program is mostly outdoors. Siblings and friends welcome. No shared materials/items. Activities are socially distanced.

Ongoing September 4 through September 30

GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: MAKE DO OR DO WITHOUT — DEPRESSION ERA WOOL QUILTS

Cotton is the fiber most often associated with quilts. But wool quilts were also created—especially during the 1930s and 1940s. Made from old wool clothes or crafted with woolen and worsted manufacturing samples. This exhibit curated by Peggy Hart shows examples of both and contemporary quilts inspired by the vintage ones. Includes an exhibit from Western Massachusetts Fibershed using local wool.

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Great Falls Discovery Center, Connecticut River Greenway State Park 2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org





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Saturday September 4 and Daily

NEW! ON A ROLL: THE STORY OF PAPER IN TURNERS FALLS, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our new self-guided historical walking tour is here! *On A Roll: The Story of Paper In Turners Falls*, is a story of vision, water, community, and labor. The walking tour features four major paper mills. Each left an enduring imprint on the village. Visit the <u>park webpage</u> to download the guide. *Or*, stop by our welcome desk this Labor Day weekend to get a printed copy (while supplies last). Free.

Saturday September 11

ART NATURALLY SERIES: DISCOVER NATURE THROUGH STORY AND ART 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall

For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). Join us for a FREE program in this series featuring stories and art, soaking up the natural world as we go. Come early and enjoy reading the Story Walk® *Abuela* by Arthur Dorros on the lawn. Workshop begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. Materials are provided free. Art techniques include collage and mixed media. **Registration recommended**, **call the center**.

Sunday September 12

CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS DAY!

10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Welcome Desk and outside

Kids, grab your grandparents and celebrate this official Grandparents Day by enjoying the StoryWalk® *Abuela* by Arthur Dorros on the lawn. At the welcome desk we have self-guided adventures for you to enjoy together: a Bike Path B-I-N-G-O game and craft supplies for making a memory book.

Saturday September 18

ARTIST TALK AND SPIN-IN: MAKE DO OR DO WITHOUT — DEPRESSION-ERA WOOL QUILTS

11:00 a.m. —12:00 p.m., Great Hall

Join weaver and exhibit curator Peggy Hart for a talk on depression-era wool quilts at 11:00 a.m. Then celebrate wool and experience a "spin-in" where local spinners demonstrate their spinning wheels. Enjoy a fabric craft activity with Swanson's Fabrics. All are welcome. Later, see the fully restored spinner statue in Spinner Park, Avenue A and 4th St.

Saturday September 25

SOURCE TO SEA CLEAN-UP: HARD WORK, REAL FUN, TRUE IMPACT

Annual fall trash cleanup of the Connecticut River. Volunteers Clean the river by foot or boat along the four-state watershed. Join DCR staff and others to clean up our Connecticut River and its tributaries. To sign up or learn more, visit: www.ctriver.org/our-work/source-to-sea-cleanup.